

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2008 – 6:30 pm
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called PUBLIC HEARING to order at 6:30 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT: Councilman Pelkey
Councilwoman Perotti
Councilman Cayea
Supervisor Euvrard

ABSENT: Councilwoman Doyle

PUBLIC HEARING
RENEWAL OF CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONTRACT

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Connor, Director of Government Relations for Cablevision, advised the town board that since the last franchise agreement, great improvement has been made in technology, including coaxial cable to fiber optics, which increased band width, allowing more products and service to rural areas. A great part of this improvement has been dedicated to the town's cable access channel 22. Gary Bonds has been diligent and patient with Cablevision representatives in addressing the issues that needed support and improvement and has turned the town hall into a three-camera studio. \$8,000 for video equipment – tape to digital era.

Issues to be addressed: 1. Some Cablevision customers in Amenia with #877 tel exchange not receiving Ch 22 .
2. Senior discount

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, stated that franchise contract issues are being discussed with Cablevision.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to continue Cablevision contract Public Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

TO INCLUDE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED BY Councilman Cayea, to CLOSE Public Hearing at 6:45 pm.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councilman Pelkey
Councilwoman Perotti
Councilman Cayea
Councilwoman Doyle
Supervisor Euvrard

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Pat Nelligan commented that town board should consider any public comments at beginning and end of meetings.

Water Committee should be changed to Water Commission – as developers may consider their own water systems/sewer systems.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension to Wassaic should be a priority.

Elizabeth Whaley suggested that Recreation Committee could use a liason to Rose Greer, regarding Recreation budget, and recommended Arlene Iuliano.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway Department – Stanley Whitehead

Will require engineering for Cascade Mountain Road work. Has contacted R. Wheeler, Morris Associates, and Zarecki Engineering.

Grader needed. Requests for bids to be advertised soon.

Discussed tree on Butts Hollow Road that is dangerous. It should be homeowners responsibility to prune. Town Board to follow up.

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GRANTS UPDATE

Michael Haggerty submitted status of grants.

RESOLUTION #1 of 2008

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR A HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY COMPACT GRANT FOR PLANNING WORK ASSOCIATED WITH A POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE HARLEM VALLEY RAIL TRAIL INTO THE HAMLET OF WASSAIC

Councilwoman Perotti made a Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Doyle that was

ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to apply for a Hudson River Valley Greenway Compact Grant for planning work associated with a possible extension of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail into the Hamlet of Wassaic.

RESOLUTION #2 of 2008

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) GRANT FROM NYS ARCHIVES

Councilman Cayea made a Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was

ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to apply for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) from NYS Archives not to exceed \$15,000.

RESOLUTION #3 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PLOW AND MAINTAIN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT LOCATED ON ROUTE 343

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Cayea that was

ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize Town Highway Superintendent to plow and maintain the municipal parking lot located on Route 343.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elizabeth Whaley - CAC reported that meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM. Submitted list of CAC committee members.

Councilwoman Doyle announced that Andy Durbridge, as Acting Chair of Enhancement Committee, is not able to continue in that position at this time. Councilwoman Doyle will lead the meetings on the third Wednesday

of every month at 5PM.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti to appoint **Judy Velletri – 5 yr term**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Motion by Councilwoman Perotti, seconded by Councilman Pelkey to appoint **David Menegat – 1 yr term**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Recused – former son-in-law
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti to appoint **Rudy Eschbach, Chairman**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Planning Board

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Pelkey to appoint **Joseph Fontaine - 7 yr term**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Board of Assessment Review

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Doyle to appoint **Ralph Yale – 5 yr term**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

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Board of Ethics

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Doyle to re-appoint **Jeanne Schwager – 5 yr term**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by **Councilman Cayea to appoint Dave Reagon, Chairman, Elizabeth Whaley, Cheryl Morse, Maryanne Pitts, Mark Doyle, Roger Russell, Arlene Iuliano – 2 yr terms**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Wastewater

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea to appoint **Janet Reagon, Secretary**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Water District

Supervisor Euvrard announced that committee has an open seat. Mae Jones has volunteered as Chairperson. Discussion at next board meeting.

Emergency Response

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea to confirm committee members:

Lana Anguin-Cohen, Chairperson, Wayne Euvrard, Stan Whitehead, Judy Carlson, Robert Boyles, Jr, Mike Segelken, Bill Carroll, Gary Bonds, Shawn Howard, Patty Barron.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Recreation

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilman Cayea, to accept resignation of **Pete Clair-Chairperson** effective 12/31/07 and appoint **Tom Werner, Chairperson.**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

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Councilwoman Doyle and Lana Anguin-Cohen to coordinate press release for Recreation and Enhancement open seats.

Professional Computer Associates

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti to enter into contract agreement - Randy Gibbs, Networking Consultant, for server /and computers for 4 hours per month. (\$183. per month) Michael Hayes, Town Attorney will review contract.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Meal Allowance – NYC Association of Towns training seminar

Motion by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Doyle to set meal allowance at \$20 breakfast, \$30 lunch, and \$50 dinner.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye

Maplebrook School Winter Swim Program

Supervisor Euvrard announced that swim program should be available for town residents either on February 3rd or 10th thru March 9th.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle mentioned NYS Council on the Arts Grant – ideas for pre-application due by March 2008.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard mentioned article in Poughkeepsie Journal, recognizing Betty Toombs, Citizen of the Year.

Forensic Audit - State Comptroller's office recommends audit when changes are made on Town Board.

Sub-division regulations need to be reviewed. Michael Hayes will review with Joel Russell and report to board.

Tax exempt 485B form for businesses copied to board members for review.

NYS Retirement System Tier 1 – cost upgrade copied to board members for review.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Morse thanked the board for CAC appointments.

Elizabeth Whaley congratulated those appointed to CAC committee. Public comment is very important at future meetings regarding Silo Ridge Project.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, seconded by Councilwoman Doyle to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Board on February 21, 2008